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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on October 19, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 5 of this paper.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.